

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0093] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

[0093] Just as important as colors are patterns. Once again, this invention uses patterns that employ age-old aesthetic principles and that are innately pleasing and easily recognizable. These ~~[[are]]~~ patterns can be made of classic shapes, objects or shapes of objects, whose simple graphic configurations will never go out of style and yet will always feel fresh and playful.

Please replace paragraph [0101] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

[0101] If there's one thing you can depend on when it comes to girls' changing ideas of fashion, it's all things mini. Girls love mini version of the world around them, so this Example System For Coordinated Non-Matching includes a mini version for every pattern or pattern and/or object shape; mini hearts, mini stars, mini polka dots, mini ducks, mini stripes, mini waves. These are not only sweet and fun, but they make for great mixing and matching.

Please replace paragraph [0103] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

[0103] Except for our stripes and waves, all pattern shapes and/or object shapes have the same width and length within the large or mini size category. In other words, you could take one of our large hearts, large ducks, large stars or large polka dots and put each of them into the exact

same sized box. By making all the shapes identical in size, we've made it much easier for parents and kids to mix and match.

Please replace paragraph [0129] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

[0129] This invention also includes almost numberless coordinated patterns based on seasons, function, activities, culture, etc. Example seasonal patterns may include such objects or shapes as:

Please replace paragraph [0136] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

[0136] The variety of applications and uses for this invention are almost limitless. It is even envisioned that the invention can apply to additional categories of coordinated non-matching patterns, shapes, objects, items, textures, etc. It is known that variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Thus, it is not intended that the present invention be limited to the specific terms disclosed, or to the specific colors, color schemes, shades of color, patterns, shapes, objects, holidays, activities, textures, seasonal theme characteristics, and sizes of objects and shapes disclosed herein. It is envisioned that changes such as mentioned concerning defining the appropriate system for creating coordinated but non-matching products, will be made without departing from the spirit and scope disclosed.

Please add the following new paragraph after Paragraph number [0136]:

[0137] The coordination means or defined system of the present invention includes, among other things, coordinating non-matching patterns on selected items by selecting at least two different design features for use in developing the non-matching patterns which will be placed on various items. These design features may include any of the design features discussed above including color, color schemes, color values, color mapping, shades of color, different colors, seasonal theme characteristics, seasons, holidays, textures, objects, shapes of objects, activities, pattern shapes and size. If, for example, color is selected as one of the design features, color may include a plurality of colors, different shades of the same color, a single color, two different colors, selected dominant colors, neutral colors, and any combination thereof. Color schemes can be formulated from the selection of colors, or specific color schemes can likewise be selected as described above. Also, importantly, any number of design features may be selected for use in developing non-matching patterns on selected items. At a minimum, at least one of at least two different selected design features can be placed on at least one of the two identified items and the other selected design feature can be placed on the other identified item so as to form at least one pattern on each item. In coordinating the placement of the selected design features on at least two of the identified items, the various patterns formed on one selected item is non-matching or dissimilar to at least one pattern formed on each of the other selected items. Although each selected design feature may not be used on each individual selected item, the non-matching patterns developed on each of the selected items as, for example, illustrated in Figs. 1-5 are coordinated in that some consistency in the non-matching patterns is carried throughout each individual selected item. This consistency may include using the same color for the object shapes associated with the selected item; it may include placement of color in the same location

on the specific items such as keeping specific colors in the same area on each identified item; or

it may include placing at least one of the selected design features on each item, or on each distinguishable section of such item, or on connected or unconnected pieces associated with the selected item, so as to form a commonality between such items. The key to the present system is

that any number of non-matching or dissimilar patterns can be produced and developed by placing any number of selected design features in various arrangements on at least two selected items. Variegated color patterns, that is, developing different colored zones on a particular item can likewise be developed as part of the non-matching patterns when color and/or color schemes

are selected as one of the design features. Variegated patterns in general, that is patterns developed by using a different arrangement of one or more of the selected design features, can likewise be developed using the present invention and such variegated patterns are again non-matching or dissimilar patterns as previously explained. The at least two selected design features may also include two different colors, two shades of the same color, two different textures of the

same pattern, the same shape or object but of different size, and more. Other coordination methods and other arrangements of the selected design features to develop non-matching or dissimilar patterns are likewise recognized, anticipated and envisioned by the present invention.